

# Blooming Season and Pruning Recommendations of Some Common Shrubs For Low and Medium Elevations in Arizona

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Blooming Season	Pruning
<i>Bougainvillea sp.</i>	Bougainvillea	Spring to fall flowering.	Prune dead wood or frost damage in early spring. Remove offshoots or too vigorous growth as needed.
<i>Caesalpinia pulcherrima</i>	Red Bird of Paradise	Flowers from late spring to fall.	Major pruning in late winter, early spring. If stems are twiggy, cut <i>C. pulcherrima</i> to 6-12" above ground. Light midsummer pruning to control size.
<i>C. gilliesii</i>	Desert Bird of Paradise		
<i>C. mexicana</i>	Mexican Bird of Paradise		
<i>Calliandra californica</i>	Baja Red Fairy Duster	Spring to fall flowering.	Light, natural pruning in later spring after first flowering.
<i>C. eriophylla</i>	Pink Fairy Duster		
<i>Carissa grandiflora</i>	Natal Plum	Flowers on new growth in early summer.	Remove damaged wood after frost, vertical sprouts as needed. Avoid shearing.
<i>Cassia artemisioides</i>	Feathery Cassia	Flowers late winter to spring.	Don't prune unless size needs to be controlled. If necessary, prune after flowering while temperatures are still cool.
<i>C. nemophila</i>	Green Cassia		
<i>C. phyllodenia</i>	Silvery Cassia		

<i>Dalea bicolor</i>	Silver dalea	Fall blooming	Prune vigorous species by one third to one half during winter dormant period.
<i>D. dorycnoides</i>		Fall to winter and spring	
<i>D. frutescens</i>	Black Dalea	Late summer and fall	
<i>D. lutea</i>	Yellow Bush Dalea	Late fall	
<i>Dodonea viscosa</i>	Hop Bush	Flowers insignificant, decorative pink, papery winged seed in late spring, sometimes late summer.	No pruning necessary unless size control desired. Can be pruned any time.
<i>Encelia farinosa</i>	Brittle Bush	Spring flowering	From second year on, cut back to 6" after flowering.
<i>Jasminum mesnyi</i>	Primrose Jasmin	Flowers on previous season's growth in winter or early spring.	Prune lightly as needed.
<i>Justicia californica</i>	Chuparosa	Spring blooming and intermittent during summer and fall.	No or little pruning needed. Remove old woody stems to rejuvenate. Light pruning after spring if desired.
<i>J. spicigera</i>	Mexican honeysuckle		
<i>Lantana sp.</i>	Lantana	Spring through fall flowering.	Cut to ground in March to remove frost damaged wood. Prune during growing season to control shape if necessary.
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<i>Leucophyllum candidum</i>	'Silver Cloud' and 'Thunder Cloud'	Summer and fall flowering	No pruning required if selected for the appropriate space. Selected pruning can be done in early spring. Don't shear.

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<i>L. frutescens</i>	Chihuahuan Sage		
<i>L. laevigatum</i>			
<i>Nandina domestica</i>	Heavenly Bamboo	Spring flowering.	Little pruning required. Rejuvenate older plants by selective thinning at the base.
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	Flowers late spring to fall.	Thin in spring/early summer or after bloom, remove old wood. Don't shear.
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>	Pittosporum	Spring flowering.	No pruning necessary. Offshoots may be removed.
'Wheeler's Dwarf'			
<i>Pyracantha</i> sp.	Firethorn	Spring flowering on previous season's growth.	Prune late fall, after flowering in spring, and during the growing season.
<i>Raphiolepis indica</i>	Indian Hawthorn	Spring flowering.	Light pruning after flowering.
<i>Rosemarinus officinalis</i>	Creeping Rosemary	Early spring flowering.	Prune after flowering in spring to control shape or cut back to woody stems to rejuvenate.
'Prostrata'			
<i>Salvia chamaedryoides</i>	Blue Sage	Spring, or spring through summer.	Cut back old stems in winter or early spring. Deadhead spent flower stems.
<i>S. clevelandii</i>	Chaparral Sage		
<i>S. greggii</i>	Autumn Sage		
<i>Tecoma stans</i>	Yellow Trumpet Flower	Spring to fall flowering.	Prune dead wood in early spring, otherwise light pruning as needed.

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